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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-464] Application to Export Electric Energy; Boston Energy Trading and Marketing LLC

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Boston Energy Trading and Marketing LLC (BETM or Applicant) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: Office of Electricity, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to

sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7151(b) and 7172(f)), and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)).

On October 19, 2018, DOE received an application from BETM for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. BETM is also certified as a Qualified Scheduling Entity with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and is registered as a wholesale power marketer with the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

In its application, BETM states that it "does not own, operate or control any electric power supply system in the United States" and that it "does not have a franchised service area." The electric energy that BETM proposes to export to Mexico would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 10,485, as amended by Executive Order No. 12,038, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC's) Rules of

Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five (5) copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning BETM's application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-464. An additional copy is to be provided to both Jay Goldman, Boston Energy Trading and Marketing LLC, 1 International Place, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02110, and Tracey L. Bradley, Bracewell LLP, 2001 M Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program website at http://energy.gov/node/11845, or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on November 1, 2018.

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